

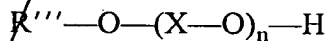
(D).

wherein:

R is a C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>12</sub>- hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, and

R' and R'', independent of one another, are selected from the group consisting of H, one C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>4</sub>- hydrocarbon residue and mixtures thereof, and

(B) at least one glycol ether compound of the following structure:



wherein:

R''' is a C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>18</sub>- hydrocarbon residue,

n is an integer of 1 to 10, and

X is a saturated, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>6</sub>- hydrocarbon, which may be linked at any carbon atom and may be different for each n, and

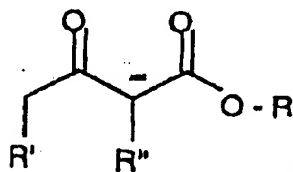
the glycol ether compound (B) is contained in the composition in at least 5% by weight, relative to the sum of the components (A) and (B) in the composition.

24. (New) A composition comprising:

(A) one or more aluminium compounds with three ligands per aluminium atom of the following kind:

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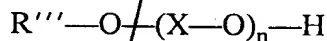
(I).

wherein:

R is a C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>12</sub>- hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, and

R' and R'', independent of one another, are selected from the group consisting of H, one C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>4</sub>- hydrocarbon residue and mixtures thereof, and

(B) at least one glycol ether compound of the following structure:



wherein:

R''' is a C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>18</sub>- hydrocarbon residue,

n is an integer of 2 to 8, and

X is a saturated, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>- to C<sub>6</sub>- hydrocarbon, which may be linked at any carbon atom and may be different for each n, and

the glycol ether compound (B) is contained in the composition in at least 5% by weight, relative to the sum of the components (A) and (B) in the composition.

25. (New) The composition of any one of claims 23 or 24 wherein X contains at least one oxygen linkage.

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26. (New) The composition of claim 25 wherein said oxygen linkage is selected from the group consisting of =O, -OH, -OR''' and mixtures thereof.

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Please amend claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 17, 18, and 22 as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

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2. (Twice Amended) The composition according to claim 23, wherein the aluminium compound (A) is contained in the composition in at least 50% by weight, relative in each case to the sum of the components (A) and (B).

3. (Twice Amended) The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein the aluminium compound is aluminium tris(methyl-aceto acetate) and/or aluminium tris(ethyl-aceto acetate).

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4. (Twice Amended) The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein X may be different for each n and stands for a substituted or unsubstituted saturated C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> hydrocarbon.

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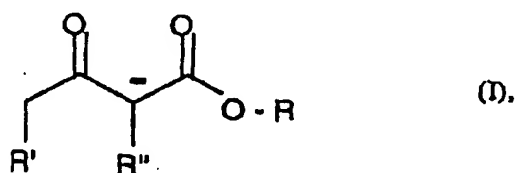
6. (Twice Amended) The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein the composition additionally contains polyester or poly-acrylic acid ester compounds.

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7. (Twice Amended) The composition according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein the compound additionally contains colour-giving additives selected from the group consisting of carbon black, inorganic pigments, organic pigments, soluble organic dyes and mixtures thereof.

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17. (Amended) The composition [of] according to any one of claims 23 or 2, wherein aluminium compound (A) is contained in the composition in at least 75% by weight.

18. (Amended) A method for the manufacture of an aluminium compound with at least one ligand per aluminium atom having the following structure:



wherein R is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> hydrocarbon residue, which may comprise 1 to 4 ether linkages and/or one hydroxy group, R' and R'', independent of one another, stand for H and/or one C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> hydrocarbon residue comprising reacting a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> aluminium alcoholate with a 3-oxo-carbonic acid ester compound at a temperature of above 140°C in the presence of a glycol ether compound.

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22. (Amended) [A composition] An aluminium compound produced by any one of claims 18-21.